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1. EMBASSY HAS NO OBJECTION TO MODIFIED SCHEDULE FOR CMEF VISIT TO BANDAR ABBAS AS PROPOSED REF(A). PER OUR GUIDELINES FOR MIDEASTFOR/IIN RELATIONS, ANY SUBSTANTIVE INITIATIVES TO BE PROPESED TO IRANIAN NAVAL OFFICER SHOULD FIRST BE CLEARED WITH THIS EMBASSY. WE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE STATUS REPORT ON MIDLINK PLANNING.

2. WE CHECKED INFORMALLY WITH IIN ON SUITABILITY OF SHIP VISITS DURING JULY AND RECEIVED POSITIVE RESPONSE. AMBASSADOR HAS ACCORDINGLY APPROVED VISITS AS REQUESTED. HOWEVER, WE NOTE THAT LENGTHY STAY BY THREE SHIPS IN BANDAR ABBAS DURING JULY COULD CAUSE A POSSIBLE BURDEN ON IRANIAN HOSPITALITY. FURTHER, AS SUGGESTED PARA 4, REF(B), THERE ARE POLITICAL REASONS WHY WE SHOULD NOT
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OVERLOAD THE CIRCUIT AT IRANIAN PORTS. FUTURE USN SHOP

VISITS TO IRANIAN PORTS SHOULD BE SPACED OUT AND OF
SHORTER DURATION THAN VISITS SET FOR JULY. THIS CONSID-
ERATION WILL BE PARTICULARLY GERMANE DURING FALL MONTHS
WHEN THERE MAY BE PERSIAN GULF FOREIGN MINISTERS' OR
SUMMIT CONFERENCE. IT MAY BE NECESSARY
HENCE TO DELAY
USN SHIP VISITS UNTIL A MORE PROPITIOUS TIME. WE CAN
BETTER GAUGE SUITABILITY OF SHIP VISITS WHEN PLANNING
FOR REGIONAL POLITICAL GATHERINGS IS IN BETTER FOCUS.
IN THE INTERIM, SHIP DEPLOYMENT SCHEDULES SHOULD REMAIN
FLEXIBLE AS THEY RELATE TO CONTACTS WITH IRAN.
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